

Scribe Sheet

Date: November 5, 2019

Scribe: Sally A. Davidson

Present: Sally Davidson, Chairman; Eli Gleason, Member; Frank Hall,

Member; Josh Sanders, Member; Ken Goslant, Select Board Liaison; Public Participants: Bethany Drum, Public;

Trish Coppolino, Dynamos; Dave Arrington, Dynamos; Tyler Demas, little League

These minutes are subject to approval at the next scheduled meeting.

Meeting called to order at (time):6:10 PM

Meeting Adjourned at (time):8:40 PM

Next Meeting Date: December 2, 2019

Topic Discussed	Summary of Topic Discussed	Decision/Action to be taken	Deadline/Person Responsible	Action Item Completed
Public Participation-scheduled: Trish Coppolino-Dynamos	Trish Coppolino wants to some storage space for Dynamos. She asked if they could use the storage space upstairs over the bathrooms/concession at the Falls Field. They would store nets, box of cleats, balls, and a tote containing the frame for the nets. She also stated that Dynamos could save about \$800.00 if we let them use the storage because that is what they are paying for a storage unit now. She was asked how many kids Dynamos serves and she stated they enroll about 120 kids in the Spring and 130 kids in the Fall-5% of those kids are from out of town. Pre-K through 2 uses the Falls Fields, while 3-4-5 uses Doyon Field. In the winter they use the high school and go to Montpelier. Norwich University charges them \$20.00 per hour for the use of their fields and Williamstown charges them \$20.00 an hour for the use of their fields. She was asked if there are any Williamstown kids on the teams and she said there were, and they still get charged. Trish has Jeff's keys to the building, so she already has access if this moves forward. Trish wants to apply for a grant to build a soccer field adjacent to the volleyball field in the Falls.	Sally thought there was a lot more "stuff" they were looking for storage for then initially told. There is some concern about the electrical area for the new scoreboards that are supposed to be getting installed next year. There was also concern that many of the members of the Recreation Committee had "stuff" they use in their garage and sheds they would like to find storage for. The only reason some of the items were not there already is there are too many keys out and security seems to be a question. The committee will discuss this further and get back to Trish. As for the grant for the new soccer field we were all for her going after the grant for the new field. Sally brought up that they do have use of Doyon Field for about another 10 years.	NA	No
Tyler Demas-Little League	Tyler stated he has about 75 kids in Little League and wants to talk about how bad the fields at the Falls are. When Cal Ripken used them, they messed them up so badly there are towns that don't want to come to Northfield to play on our fields. Tyler wants to build a Little League Field at Memorial Park, where there used to be one. He wants a grass field with dirt base lines and dirt mound. Josh is concerned it will encroach on the soccer field. There was one there before and it never bothered as long as the scheduling was done properly, and everyone respects each other's space. There was a lot of discussion about the field's size, and use, and availability. Tyler stated he had turned his key into Jeff but before he did he had a copy made. Sally thanked him for telling the committee but why did he do that? He said they needed more than one key. The key has stamped on it "do not duplicate". Tyler smiled.	Ken told Tyler to do what he needs to do to get the fields in the shape they need to be in. No one had a problem with Tyler building the Little League Field back at Memorial Park in the same area it used to be. Frank suggested we get all the coaches together to keep an open communication with all the teams and coaches.	Little League	NA

Approval of Minutes for October 1, 2019 meeting	To approve minutes as presented or make necessary changes.	Frank Hall made the motion to approve the minutes as presented; 2 nd by Josh Sanders; motion passed 3-0-1. Eli Gleason was not present at this meeting so he abstained.	NA	Yes
Old Business: Trunk-Or-Treat after action	We decided we would do this event again next year as we had over 400 youngsters come out in the rain and wind to support this event. We made signs and assigned parking spaces for participants and that was well received so we will do this again next year. Typically, we sign up 15 cars to hand out goodies, but we believe we can make room for more so next year we will look at the numbers and spaces. If the fire truck parks in the curve part of the common it was thought that would free up more parking spaces for vehicles.	Look at expanding this event for next year.	NA	NA
School Personnel Meeting Update	There was more discussion about the scoreboards to be purchased. We also discussed the new roofs on the dugouts at Memorial Park. Bill Kirby was not at this meeting and he was going to bring Chris, the school business manager so not a lot got done. We brought each other up to date on what each had accomplished since the last meeting and that turned out to be “not much”.	We will try to get things done before our next meeting.	All members of this group; school and town and recreation committee.	NA
Falls Field Update	Trees still need to be cut down and the ditching needs to happen before winter. If we wait until Spring to ditch it will be too late for next year’s season. It is too wet to get the machinery out there to ditch in the Spring, so we will loss another year of not being able to use the field for Varsity Softball. If we can get the trees cut Trent said he can get the ditching done before winter sets in. One of the Little League dugouts got blown over and needs to be erected and bolted to the cement slab it sits on.	Frank said he will call Lynn and see if they can get the trees cut soon. Josh said to call him when they go down and he will help cut the trees as long as it wasn’t during his hunting time. Then we can call Trent and get the ditching done, we hope. Frank will call Tyler to see if he can help him with the Little League dugout that got blown over in the Halloween storm.	Everyone will do what they can.	NA
New Business: Stick Stars	The Stick Star workshops need to be later in the month, it is too close to Halloween. Maybe only do two of them.	Because attendance was low for the workshops it was decided to do two workshops instead of three. We will do one during the week and one on Saturday morning. It was also decided to do the workshops closer to Thanksgiving.	NA	NA
Christmas on the Common	We want to sell hot chocolate, hot cider, popcorn balls, cookies and “wish” ribbons for a fund raiser during Christmas on the Common Event.	We will sell each item for \$1.00 except the cookies will be \$.50 each. Posters and fliers need to be made, advertising needs to get done, items need to get purchased and things need to get organized.	Sally will take the lead on this project. But helpers are needed the day/night of the event.	NA
House Decorating Contest	We usually do a house decorating contest with the Christmas decorations.	It was decided not to do one this year. We are very tired. However, we will revisit this event next year as everyone seems to enjoy it.	NA	NA

Falls Little League Dugout	We had a dugout blow over in the Halloween Storm. Sally noticed it and called Frank to assess the damage. Frank thinks if they can set it back on the concrete slab, they shouldn't have to do too much work to it. He didn't think it was torn up too badly. However, once set up it needs to be bolted to the concrete slab.	Frank will call Tyler Demas to see if he is available to help him because it is the Little League dugout and he is head of Little League. Once set up it will get bolted to the concrete, so this doesn't happen again, hopefully.	Frank will take the lead on this project.	NA
Public Participation (unscheduled)	None present	NA	NA	NA
Committee Members Comments	<p>Josh had questions about the ice rink that we are going to erect for the community to use this winter. The ice rink is a port-a-rink that was donated by the Mark Gerdes family from Roxbury. It is approximately 17' x 24'. Mark said he would come and help set it up as he has done it several times and knows how to do it fairly quickly. The rink will be set up beside the fire station and it is expected that the users will take care of the rink. There are benches on the common we can use at the rink for people to sit to put their skates on and off.</p> <p>The discussion of the storage for the Dynamos was started. There was a lot of concern and questions, mainly how much "stuff" was going to be put up there. If they are paying that much for storage, they must have a lot of things to store and we don't know if there is the room to store their things and ours and Little Leagues. Little League said they didn't care if they used the storage area because they take their things home with them. This way they know what they have and where it is. There was also the question of will the things be in the way when the new scoreboard equipment is installed. Then the discussion of how they don't help during clean-up and they don't seem to have any respect for the fields they do use. They never police the fields, nor do they take care of the equipment they use whether it is theirs or not. They don't check the bathrooms for cleanliness or supplies when they use the facilities. It just gives pause to how they will treat the upstairs of the building.</p>	<p>Josh said he would like to help with this project and he had a friend that wants to help with the erection and upkeep. Josh will call Mark Gerdes for assistance.</p> <p>Sally asked for thoughts from everyone; Eli said he thought we should put our items there for storage before we put anyone else's there to be sure there is enough room, Josh said yes, let them use it, Frank said no because it sounds like they have too much "stuff" to put up there and they don't respect what we do let them use, Sally agreed with Frank's assessment. The general consensus was not to let them use it at this time. Wait until we put our items up there and see if there is any room left.</p> <p>On a side note: Bruce, rec. comm. member that was not at the meeting but was working with Frank on the dugout that got blown over said no.</p>	<p>Josh will take the lead on this project.</p> <p>Sally will let Trish know our decision.</p>	<p>NA</p> <p>NA</p>
Adjournment	It was a long meeting and it is time to adjourn	Frank made the motion to adjourn; 2 nd by Eli; motion passed 4-0-0.	NA	Yes